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Interview Summary	Application No. 10/538,665	Applicant(s) RINGEL ET AL.	
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Date of Interview: 30 April 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 10.

Identification of prior art discussed: Whipp et al. (2002/0022979).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: From the interview, examiner agrees that the proposed amendment to claim 10 appears to overcome the prior art of record (Whipp et al.), subject to examiner updating his search and further consideration of the prior art.

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/Jeff Hofsass/ SPE 2612 5/1/08

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